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QUESTION OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA

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1. CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DELEGATION HAD BEEN SCHEDULED TO PAY COURTESY CALL ON FONOFF PARLIAMENTARY VICE MINISTER YAMADA MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 26. DUE TO INDISPOSITION OF YAMADA, DELEGATION MET INSTEAD WITH FUKADA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU. EMBOFF WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. DURING MEETING, IN RESPONSE TO MICRONESIAN SENATOR SALII'S QUESTION RE PROSPECTS FOR JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND LOANS, FUKADA REPLIED THAT GOJ WOULD FACE FOLLOWING PROBLEM IN PROVIDING AID NOW TO MICRONESIA: AID NORMALLY IS PROVIDED TO LDC'S. UNITED STATES, TRUSTEE OF MICRONESIA, IS RICHEST OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THUS, GIVING AID TO UNITED STATES, EVEN FOR BENEFIT OF MICRONESIA, IS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, IN EVENT USG GIVES
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PERMISSION, IT SHOULD THEORETICALLY BE POSSIBLE

TO QTE INFORMALLY DISCUSS UNQTE TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, THROUGH USG CHANNELS. IN RESPONSE TO SALII'S FURTHER QUESTION RE MEANING OF QTE INFORMALLY DISCUSS UNQTE, FUKADA SAID THAT, SHOULD US GOVERNMENT GIVE PERMISSION, HE WOULD CONSULT WITH COLLEAGUES IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU TO SEE IF INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH COMPETENT EXPERTS COULD BE ARRANGED, CONCEIVABLY DELEGATION'S PRESENT VISIT TO TOKYO.

3. DELEGATION DID NOT REQUEST FUKADA TO ARRANGE SUCH A FOLLOW-UP MEETING, NOR DID DELEGATION, AFTER MEETING WITH FUKADA ENDED, REQUEST US GOVERNMENT PERMISSION TO HOLD FOLLOW-UP MEETING. HOWEVER, IN EVENT EITHER FONOFF OR DELEGATION REQUESTS EMBASSY PERMISSION, EMBASSY PROPOSES, DRAWING ON REFTEL, TO DECLINE REQUEST.

4. FINALLY, SALII ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR GOJ TO SEND MISSION OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO MICRONESIA IN NEAR FUTURE FOR PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING FEASIBILITY STUDIES ETC. FUKADA REPLIED THAT, GIVEN CONSENT OF USG, IT SHOULD BE THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE TO SEND SUCH A MISSION IN RESPONSE TO A FORMAL REQUEST.
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